

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2815**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell**

February 19, 2016

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An act to amend Section 44382 of the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2815, as introduced, O'Donnell. Teacher credentialing: alternative certification programs: special education.

Existing law establishes an alternative certification program to address the shortage of qualified teachers in specified subject matters, of teachers who work with limited-English-proficient pupils, of minority teachers, and of special education teachers. Existing law requires alternative certification programs to address geographic and subject matter shortage areas and be targeted toward people with work experience and others who already have a bachelor's degree in the field in which they plan to teach.

This bill would additionally require alternative certification programs to address the shortage area of special education.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 44382 of the Education Code is amended  
2     to read:  
3     44382. Alternative certification programs shall address  
4     ~~geographic and geographic~~, subject ~~matter~~ *matter*, and *special*

- 1 *education* shortage areas, and shall be targeted toward people with
- 2 work experience and others who already have a bachelor's degree
- 3 in the field in which they plan to teach.